

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015, IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The meeting began at 7:40p.m.

Members present were: Rick Ransom, Jacquie Carrington, Janet Jacobs Parker, Kevin Hammett, Dan Hamlin and Dea Zugby.

Also present were: Michael Hartman, Lois Rosado and Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager

Minutes from 8/13/2015

Janet moved approval. Jacquie seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Overview of CRAB/History of CRAB Action

Rick began the meeting with an overview of CRAB's role and history. He reported that CRAB has been meeting more frequently and holding meetings throughout the City. It was noted CRAB's last meeting was at Franklin Park and that a meeting in Greenbelt East was being planned for early 2016.

Other Business

It was noted the issue of transportation had been raised at the community meetings. One example was the need for youth to get to the Youth Center and the Skate Park. There was mention of improvements to bus service in recent years with the likelihood that Sunday service would occur in 2016. Mike McLaughlin advised that the Council and interested citizens meet semi-annually with representatives from Prince George's County and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority to discuss bus service improvements.

Jacquie asked that the results from recent Community Questionnaires be shared with CRAB.

Dan raised for CRAB's consideration concerns about the condition of the Turner Cemetery on Ivy Lane. He noted that his wife has done research about the cemetery and believes there are both family and slave graves there which ought to be determined. Dan reported the grounds are overgrown and the information at the entrance needs updating. He believed the limits of the Cemetery area can be easily determined, so that they can be defined and fenced in some way. There is a concern that the graves may be lost if action isn't taken. Dan offered to provide a tour of the area for interested CRAB members.

Lois raised a concern that parking tickets were disproportionately issued in certain areas (i.e., Franklin Park.)

Michael Hartman urged CRAB to publish an article in the News Review about the Community Pledge as relates to what he thought was anti-gay sentiment recently in the paper.

Rick noted the next meeting would be in mid to late February.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.